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SUBJECT: SWEDISH VIEWS ON CSCE

1. I HAD OCCASION AUGUST 20 TO DISCUSS CSCE WITH SVERKER
ASTROM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MFA, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED PRIME
MINISTER PALME TO HELSINKI SUMMIT. ASTROM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. PERMANENT SECRETARIAT - ASTROM SAID GOS DOES NOT RPT NOT
FAVOR A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CSCE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WISH TO CREATE A RIVAL
BODY WHICH WOULD DIMINISH THE STATUS OF THE UN, AND ALSO BECAUSE
IT WOULD BE TOO COSTLY. ASTROM CONCEDED MY POINT THAT THE
SOVIETS HAVE FAVORED SUCH A BODY WHICH THEY COULD HOPE TO
EXPLOIT AS A MEANS FOR WEAKENING OF ALLIANCE SOHESION, BUT
SAID THAT SWEDES HAD NOTICED THAT, RECENTLY, SOVIETS SEEMED
LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CREATION OF SUCH AN INSTITUTION
THAN THEY WERE AT THE OUTSET OF THE CSCE.

3. IMPACT ON EASTERN EUROPE - ACCORDING TO ASTROM, PRIME
MINISTER PALME SEES GREATEST THREAT TO POST-CSCE EUROPE AS
EMANATING FROM THE INSTABILITY OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN SYSTEM
WHERE PEOPLES ARE LIVING UNDER THE SOVIET SHADOW AND UNPOPULAR
LOCAL REGIMES. CSCE PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTERN
EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES TO DEVELOP CLOSER TIES WITH
WESTERN EUROPE WITHOUT NECESSARILY PROVOKING VIOLENT SOVIET
REPRESSION. HE SEES PRESENT BALANCE OF POWER AS NECESSARY IN
CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT FEARS BALANCE COULD CHANGE, WITH
UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES.

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